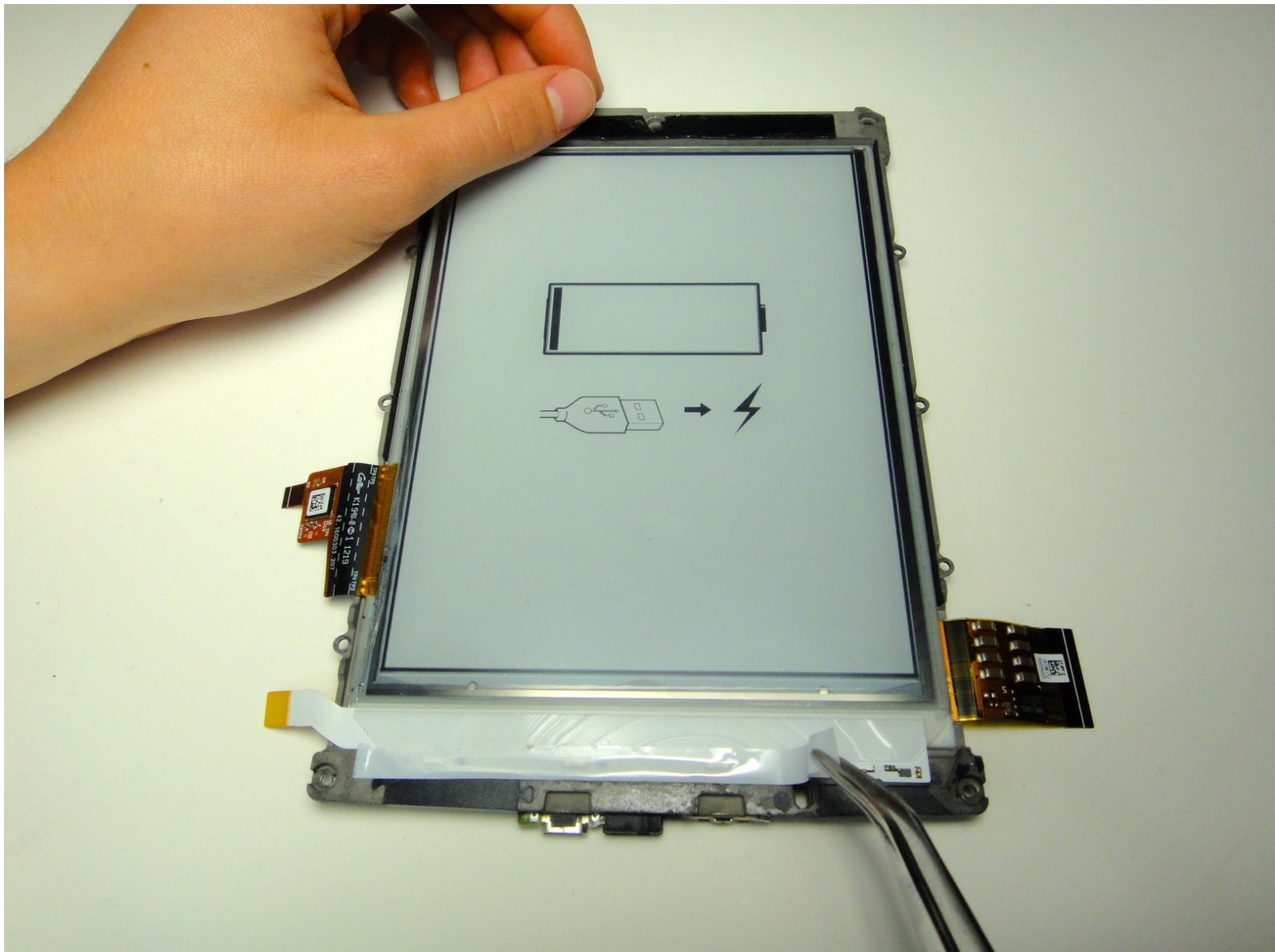




Kindle Paperwhite 1st Generation LED Lights Replacement

Use this guide to install new LED lights into your Kindle Paperwhite.

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INTRODUCTION

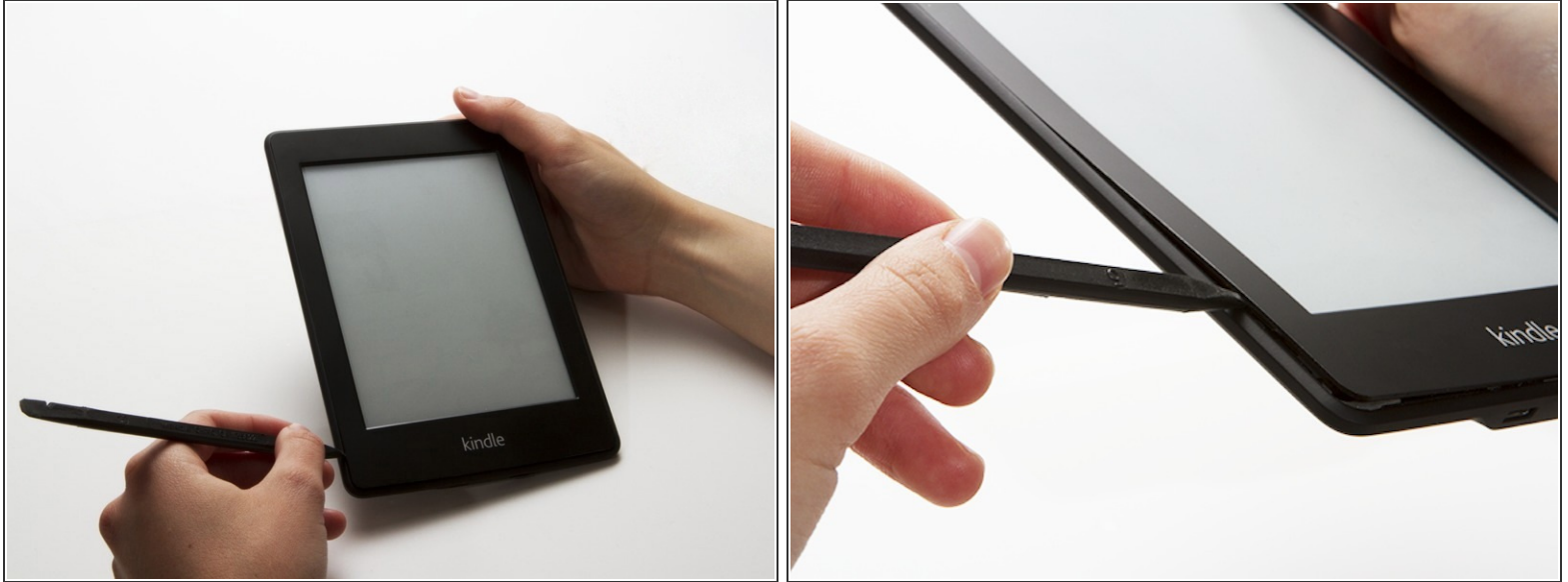
Having trouble reading in the dark? Replace the display's LED lights if the lighting on your Kindle is uneven or absent.



TOOLS:

- [Phillips #2 Screwdriver](#) (1)
 - [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
 - [Spudger](#) (1)
 - [Tweezers](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Case



- Using a spudger or plastic opening tool, gently pry the bezel from the screen. It is easier to start in the corners and work your way around the bezel.

⚠ Do not insert the spudger too far under the bezel; it could easily damage the screen.

Step 2



- Remove the eleven 3.0 mm Phillips screws surrounding the midframe.

ⓘ At the top of the display, a strip of black tape covers one screw.

Step 3



- Lift the midframe out of the case.
- ❗ If the midframe is stuck, slide it to the left first, and then lift it out.

Step 4 — Battery



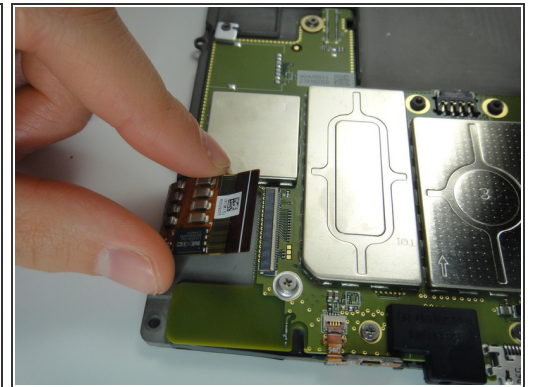
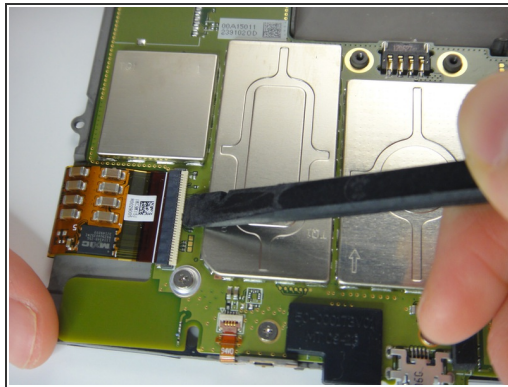
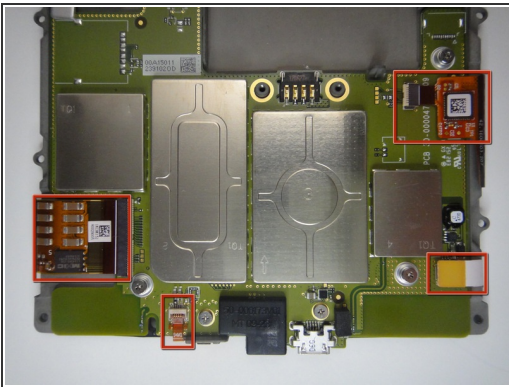
- Turn over the midframe to locate the battery.
- Remove the three Phillips 3.0 mm screws securing the battery to the midframe.

Step 5



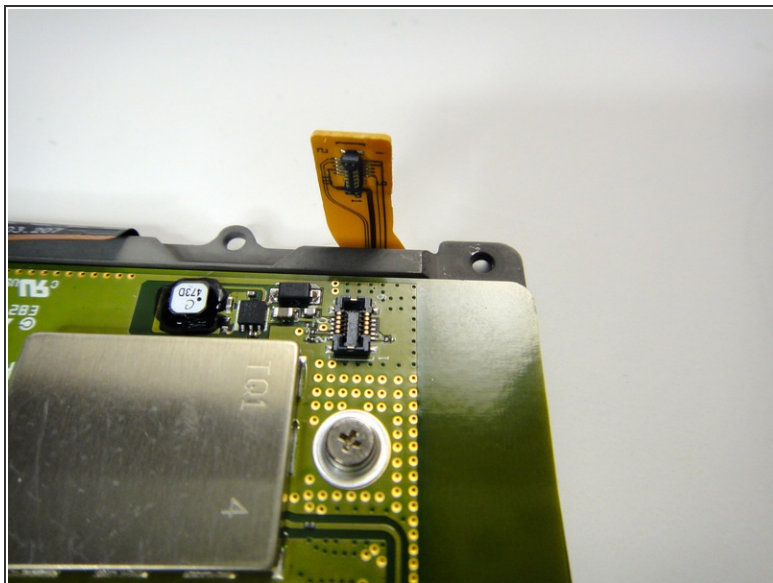
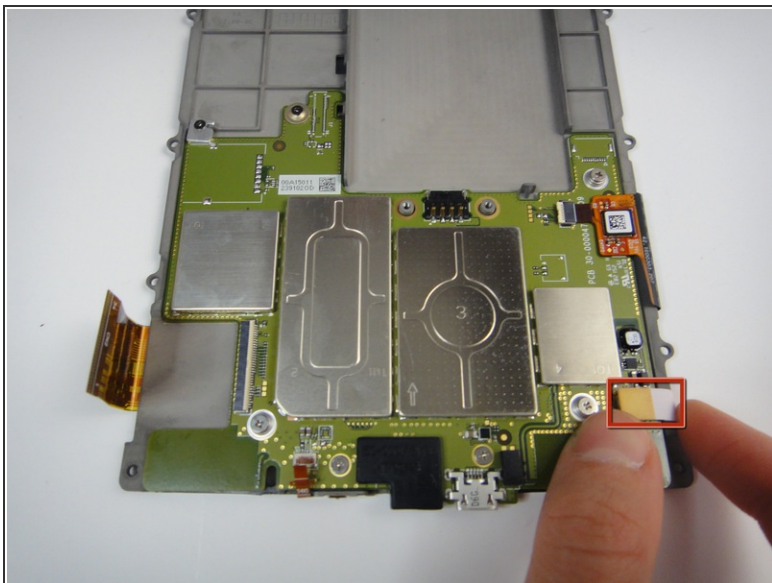
- Gently lift the battery from the bottom, and slide it out of the midframe.

Step 6 — Motherboard



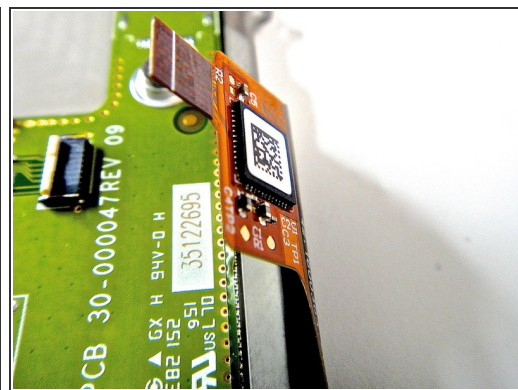
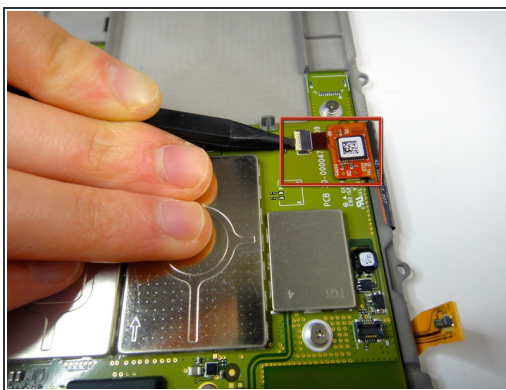
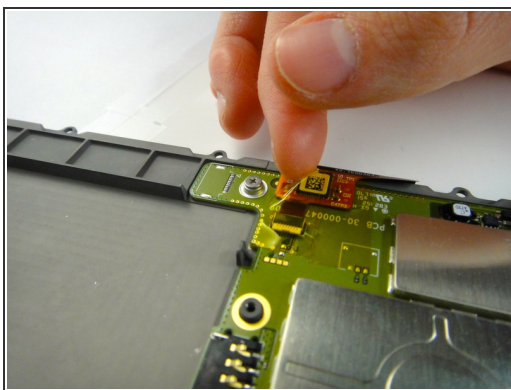
- ① With the case and battery removed from the midframe, begin removing all cables attached to the motherboard.
- ① Place the device so the midframe's backside faces up. Start with the cable on the bottom left corner.
 - Use a spudger to lift up the white locking cable tensioner and slide the flex cable out.
 - Proceed counterclockwise to the next cable and repeat. Small flex cable on the bottom won't need cable tensioner lifted, just carefully pull out.

Step 7



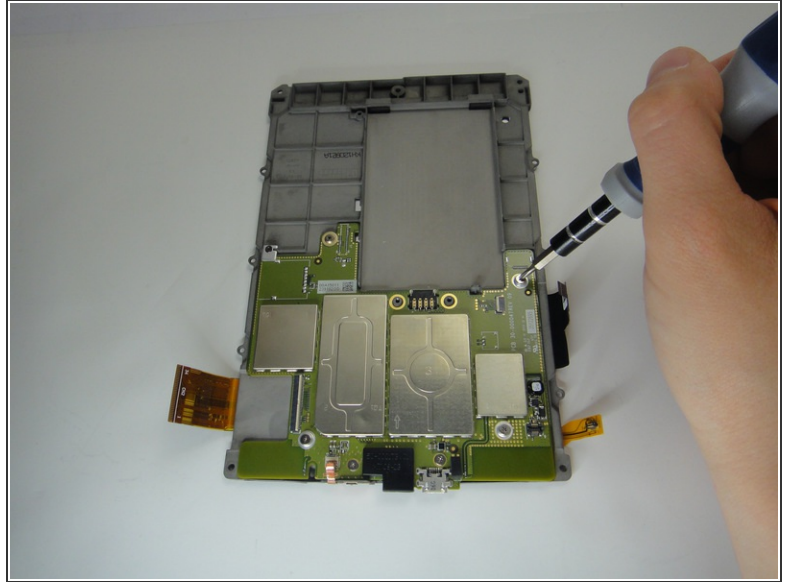
- Remove the white flex cable by gently lifting the yellow plastic connector.


Step 8



- Remove the yellow anti-static tape from the display ribbon cable connector.
- Use a spudger to lift up and disconnect the cable tensioner.

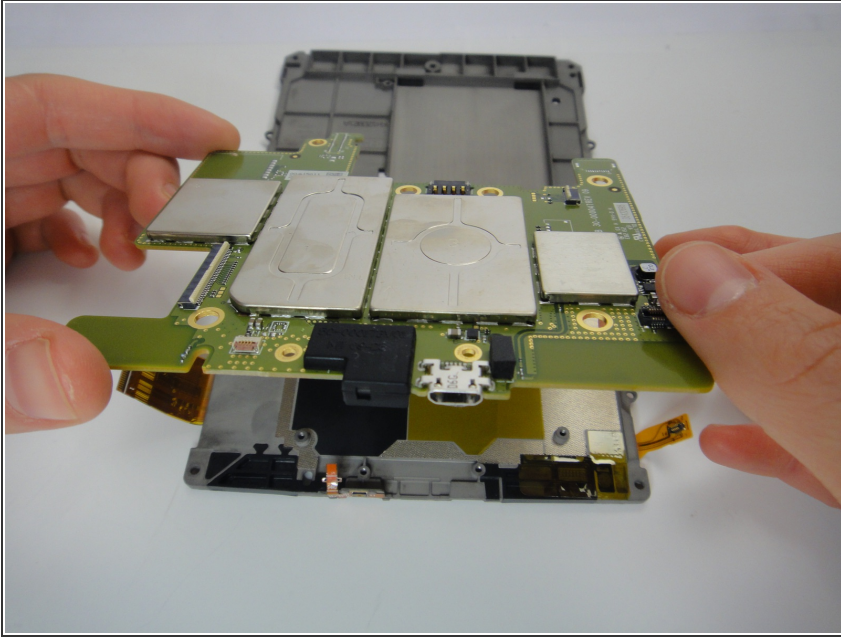
Step 9



 Use a Philips screwdriver to remove the seven 3.0 mm Phillips screws securing the motherboard:

- Three silver screws with silver washers
- Two silver screws with no washers
- One black screw with a golden washer
- One black screw with a square washer

Step 10



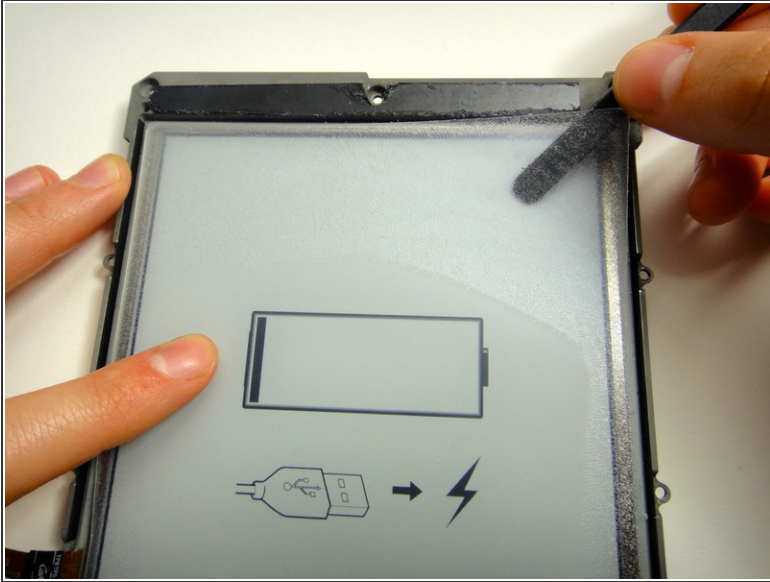
- Remove the motherboard.

Step 11 — LED Lights



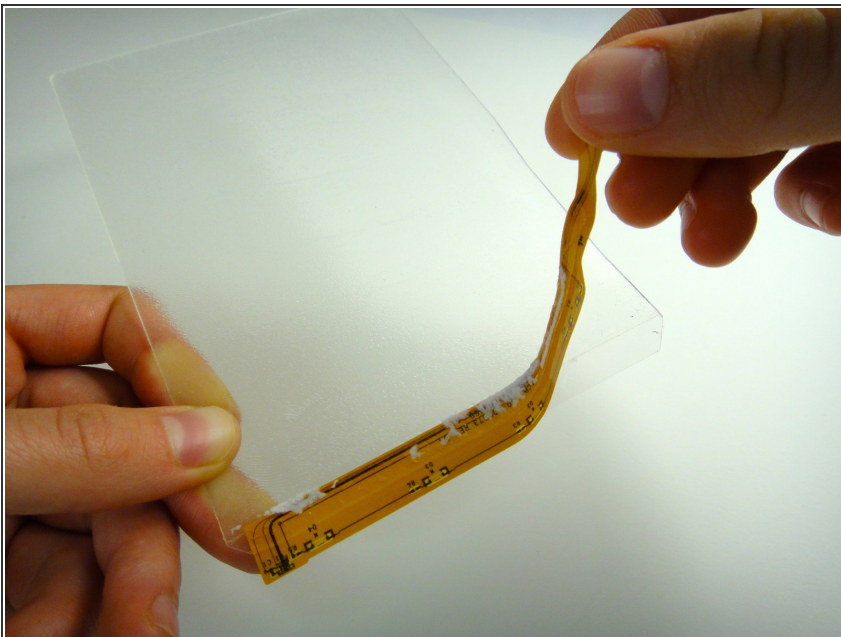
- Use a pair of tweezers to remove the white strip of tape that covers the LED lights.

Step 12



- Use a spudger to gently remove the plastic screen from the display.
- ❗ The plastic screen is held on by a thick layer of glue. Be patient when lifting the screen to avoid bending or breaking the thin plastic.

Step 13



- Once the outer screen is removed from the Kindle, gently use your fingers to pull off the LED lights.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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